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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
THROUGH: National Intelligence Officer for Narcotics
FROM: 25X1
Assistant National Intelligence Officer for Narcotics
SUBJECT: Joint Surveillance Committee of the NNBIS Coordinating Board

1. Under the auspices of the NNBIS Coordinating Board, an interagency Joint Surveillance Committee (JSC) has been formed to consider the national capability to detect, monitor, and interdict illicit drug shipments to the US. The JSC will also recommend initiatives to improve that capability and is scheduled to report its findings to the NNBIS Coordinating Board by 30 June 1984. (C)

2. At an initial meeting held on 11 April, JSC members agreed on a workplan and designated chairmen for four working groups responsible for addressing key issues related to the committee's overall task. A trafficking patterns group will assess drug conveyance modes, routes, and concealment methods. Options available for surveillance and detection of drug shipments will be considered by another group which will also address the interrelationship among surveillance methods, their relative costs and effectiveness, and the systems required to support them. In addition, a deterrence capabilities group will focus on alternatives available to real time detection, and a reaction capabilities group will examine the interface among detection, tracking, and interdiction. (C)

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3. The JSC members have agreed that foreign intelligence can best contribute to the efforts of the trafficking patterns group which essentially will conduct a threat analysis of drug trafficking from source and transit areas. The NIO for Narcotics has recommended that I serve as the Intelligence Community's representative to this group, and I will also contribute to research on detection capabilities. Existing intelligence on drug source and transit areas is sufficient to meet the JSC's needs, and I envision no problem in collating this information in a timely manner. We are mindful of the fact that many of the JSC's activities will concern domestic law enforcement, but our involvement will remain confined to the analysis of foreign intelligence. (C)



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